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<b>Serial No.:</b> 10/725,874	
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<b>Title:</b> METHOD OF MANUFACTURING AN EXTERNAL FORCE DETECTION SENSOR	

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, submitted herewith is a copy of a Official Communication issued in a corresponding European Patent Application. Applicant has enclosed a completed Form PTO-1449.

Although the Official Communication from the European Patent Office cites the following two (2) references: DE 196 10 782 A and DE 197 15 194 A, Applicant did not

include a copy of these references herewith as the references have been previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 30, 2004.

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I hereby state that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than 3 months prior to the filing of this statement, and that this is the first citation of these prior art references by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign patent application. Accordingly, no fee is necessary for the filing of this statement. Should the Commissioner determine otherwise, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1353 for any fee shortages, including the petition fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

Applicant respectfully requests that the cited reference be made of record in the subject application.

Respectfully submitted,



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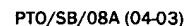
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